Inadequate Allocation of sugar to Maharashtra

6792. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra is unable to distribute 415 Grams per head Sugar through Public Distribution System as a result of inadequate allocation of sugar to Maharashtra by the Central Government;

(b) whether the present allocation of 29938 MT of levy sugar for the distribution under Public Distribution System is based on the old projected population of 1986;

(c) whether even this quantity of 29938 MTs is not fully received every month, causing great distress to poor people;

(d) whether some sugar factories refused to release levy sugar as per the orders of Government on the pretext that they have not stock of levy sugar and they are exempted from supply of levy sugar for various reasons;

(e) whether any action is taken against defaulting sugar factories;

(f) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested for increase of allocation of levy sugar for the state to 35987 MTs; and

(g) whether the Central Government has agreed to increase the said allotment and if not what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Under the present policy of partial control, the monthly allocations of levy sugar to most of the States/UTs are being made on uniform norms of ensuring 425 gms. per capita availability for the projected population as on 1.10.1986. These norms are effective from 1.2.1987. On this basis, the monthly levy allocation of Maharashtra State at present is 29938 M.T.

(c) The lifting/distribution of levy sugar allocated by the Central Government to the State of Maharashtra is the responsibility of the State Government and their nominees.

(d) and (e) In case the contention of a sugar factory is found correct due to its eligibility under any incentive scheme or adjustment in balance sheet account, etc. the allocation of levy sugar from that factory is cancelled and an equivalent quantity is re-allocated from some other sugar factory.

(f) and (g) No demand for increasing the levy sugar quota of Maharashtra has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra recently.

गेहूं और खाद्य तेलों के आयात हेतु नीति

6793. **श्री ज्ञानेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गेहूं तथा खाद्य तेलों के आयात के लिए कोई सुस्पष्ट नीति अपनाने का मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस नीति को कब तक लागू किया जाएगा; और

(ग) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) से (ग) सरकार केन्द्रीय पूल में गेहूं सहित खाद्यान्नों के स्टाक की समीक्षा करती रहती है। सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने, बफर स्टाक बनाने और खुले बाजार मूल्यों को नियंत्रित करने के लिये यदि आवश्यक होता है, तो